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**Comments on Draft Plan of Action for Reducing, Mitigating, and Controlling Hypoxia in
the Northern Gulf of Mexico.**

The proposed Action Plan is not needed at this time. There is no need to consider any new water quality programs until the effectiveness of current Clean Water Act programs, especially TMDLs, is demonstrated. The Action Plan appears to pile unnecessary EPA programs on top of existing burdensome EPA water quality mandates.

The YMD Joint Water Management District is opposed to additional EPA water quality programs, like the proposed Plan of Action, of unknown effectiveness and benefits, until the current Clean Water Act programs to manage nitrogen are fully implemented and their effectiveness demonstrated.

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